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ASHFORD IS ACCUSED

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necessary, but approximately double the cost and seriously interfere with the free use of the chain. Without the balconies four persons may descend at one time, whereas with them only one can do so practically.

do so practically.
"Again, the regulations in regard to the "Again, the regulations in regard to the standard escape, properly cite a specific drawing which gives all the details of construction. But in regard to the chain escape the only detail of construction referred to is the trip wire. Such questions as automatic brakes, tensile strength of the escape chain, galvanizing, immunity to rust binding, kink binding and belt binding, number of persons to be protected by each escape, number and strength of life belts, annual inspection, etc., are left so far as we know to the pleasure or caprice of the executor of the regulations who is evidently our competitor.

Matter of Information.

"According to the present regulations also, no information is allowed to go escapes, yet Mr. Ashford, the custodian of this information writes, 'I will put you in communication with a former employe of this office who can manage the local

business or supply information. "Possibly Mr. Ashford can satisfactorily explain that he does not refer to the forbidden information; but to information forbidden information; but to information of peculiar value which Mr. Rittenhouse understands. However this may be, the incident serves to show that so long as the publicity of this information remains forbidden, its custodian and his assistants have both the opportunity and the incentive to sell it or use it in controlling contracts.

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"We believe that the proposed legislation should require that this information should be made public coincident with its transmission to the landlords.

"What commensurate good can accrue to the public by the suppression of this information collected at public expense?

"We regret to state, in conclusion, that we have often protested to various District officials, but all in vain; and after coming into possession of the Ashford-Rittenhouse letter, we presented in person, September 25, 1907, a formal protest, setting forth each of these bad features, to the president of the board of Commissioners (who transmitted it to the Engineer Commissioner) and used the Ashford letter to show the necessity for the changes requested, but so far nothing has been done. Therefore, we must appeal to Congress and request the cordial support of the clisters of Washington. peal to Congress and request the cordial support of the citizens of Washington.
"Respectfully,

"Gibbs Fire Escape Co..
"By E. F. GIBBS, Manager."
"478 Louisiana avenue."

Capt. Morrow's Statement. are very largely falsehoods. The facts of he matter are that Mr. Ashford some ime ago patented a device whereby the ladder of a fire escape could be drawn up under the floor of the platform when not in use, so that the fire escape, with this disappearing step, would present the appearance of a tier of balconies, intentionally designed as balconies rather than as a fire escape. Mr. Ashford received permission of the former Engineer Commissioner and of myself later to sell the rights to use his patent to any architect for use on buildings outside of the District of Columbia, with the understanding that no royalty was to be charged for any escapes erected within the District of Columbia. Four or five fire escapes of this class have been erected in the District of Columbia, one of which can be seen in the apartment house directly across the street from the Congressional Library, and Mr. Ashford has not received any emolument for the erection of any of these fire escapes. emolument for the erection of any these fire escapes.
"Mr. Gibbs is the owner of a pate

"Mr. Gibbs is the owner of a patent fire escape known as the 'endless chain escape,' and he and the people behind a similar escape, known as the 'Lewis escape,' have for more than a year been endeavoring to have the Commission-ers allow their fire escape to be used ers allow their nre escape to be used in lieu of any of the standard platform and ladder escapes where property owners desire to use them. This has been recommended against, not only by Mr. Ashford, but by Chief Belt, Capt. Kelly and by myself. Mr. Gibbs, some months ago, proposed an amend. months ago, proposed an amendment to the building regulations prac-tically prescribing the Gibbs fire escape for use wherever fire escapes were required under recent legislation. His required under recent legislation. His communication was given careful consideration, but, of course, could not be adopted. Some time in August Mr. Gibbs wrote a letter to Mr. Ashford, and either signed it himself or had Rittenhouse Brothers sign it, requesting Mr. Ashford's terms for the use of his patent for the 'Baltimore trade.'

As to Local Business.

"To this Mr. Ashford replied to the ef n this letter, for the first time, mentioned ford for fire escapes erected in Washington, but that he could not pay him \$10 per balcony for fire escapes in Baltimore, as it was necessary for him to pay to the building inspector in Baltimore money for services he expected to get from Mr. Ashford on account of his con-nection with him. To this Mr. Ashford mmediately replied that he was not sell ing any rights to his escape in Washington, where the architects and fire-escape people knew that his patent could be used without charge, that he could expect no ssistance from the building inspector's office, and returned him his remittance in registered letter, receiving in due course he registered receipt.
"Naturally Mr. Gibbs fails

hese letters, as he failed to quote them n his communication addressed to the board of Commissioners or in his conver-sation with me, although he admitted to me that he himself had written the Rit-tenhouse letters in an office in this city for the purpose of entrapping Mr. Ash-ford. I have personally carefully investigated this case, as has also Capt. Kelly, and I believe that the only injustice that has been done to Mr. Gibbs lies in the fact that I allowed him to get out of my office without a personal chastisement."

Citizens Are Interested. Officials and citizens are taking a deep nterest in the charges against Ashford, s it is the first time for many years that

caused a good deal of comment, especially his statement that Ashford's etter to Rittenhouse Bros. had reference only to the "Baltimore trade," and that it was "only fair to Mr. Ashford to construe his reference to the management of the 'local business' to mean the Baltimore business." Some of the commentators on business." Some of the commentators on the matter say that such a declaration is hard to read from Ashford's letter to the Baltimore firm, which, they say, refers constantly to the favorable conditions for putting the Ashford escape in operation in this city. Baltimore or any other city is not mentioned at all, but the letter written from Washington with the heading "Inspector of Buildings" says in

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different places: "Five escapes have been put up here recently, and I find that those who wish to prevent defacing their buildings will pay twice as much as for the ordinary escape, and as the escape has no competition there is good profit."

"I expect there will be a great many put

up here when the new law is applied to apartment houses."
"I will put you in communication with a former employe of this office who can manage the local business or supply in-

formation. There is sharp competition here in the ordinary type of escape, but very little in time."

The commentators referred to are pointing out today that the above sentences forming the bulk of the letter, all apply

to conditions here, and are arguments why it would be a good business to introduce Ashford escapes in this city. Barthquakes in Illinois. pecial Dispatch to The Star.

FREEPORT, Ill., November 29 .- A disinct earthquake shock was felt in the village of Kent, Stephenson county, today. The vibrations lasted several seconds, and buildings trembled and windows rattled. Lena, north of Kent, and 一一 张林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林林 ances

Big Repatriation of Spanish Immi-

Spain and Portugal. M. A. Silva, interpreter of the immigration station at Honatic yesterday afternoon, after personally onducting the party home

Thirty-one Spantards landed ulu April 26 last, and two days later on another ship came fifteen Portuguese. 1.10 authorities discovered that all of these immigrants were suffering from trachoma in an advanced stage and all were ordered deported. From that time until they reached their homes they traveled and lived at the expense of the territorial government. The authorities will try to recover the expenses from the ships that landed the immigrants in Honolulu.

When you jump at conclusions be sure they are there.-Home Notes.

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